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Subject: Media Inquiry - RE: EPA Response to the Ames Warehouse Fire in Parkersburg, Wood County, WV
Importance: High

Thank you Deborah. A television reporter from WTAP-TV in Parkersburg is asking about EPA's response and whether we are conducting air monitoring. I was going to use your summary to put together a response, but I'm not sure if the media response should come from EPA or WV DEP. I'd hate for us to provide conflicting information.

Do you know if EPA or WV DEP has the lead on air monitoring? Should I just refer the reporter to WV DEP or should EPA respond? Thanks for any help you can provide. – Roy

From: Lindsey, Deborah
Sent: Monday, October 23, 2017 1:18 PM
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Subject: EPA Response to the Ames Warehouse Fire in Parkersburg, Wood County, WV

The following is a summary of EPA's Response to the Ames Warehouse Fire in Parkersburg, Wood County, WV:

At approximately 5:00 pm on Saturday, October 21, 2017, the EPA Duty Officer received a NRC Report regarding a warehouse fire in Parkersburg, WV. The fire started sometime around 1:00 am and had been burning for 16 hours prior to receiving the report. The EPA Duty Officer reached out to WVDEP to offer assistance. EPA learned that WVDEP was on-scene and assisting the Wood County EMA Incident Commander, including air monitoring.

WVDEP and EPA discussed the need for particulate monitoring. EPA in conjunction with our START Contractor had access to 5 data rams which could be used for particulate monitoring. At approx. 6:15 pm, WVDEP confirmed the request for assistance to provide air monitoring support for particulate monitoring. EPA Duty Officer arranged for EPA's contractor to arrive at the site with 5 data rams at approximately 10:15 pm on Saturday, October 21. WVDEP identified monitoring locations while EPA's contractor was en-route. By 12:30 am on Sunday, October 22, EPA's contractor had placed 4 of the data rams. (2 of the data rams had a PM10 filter and 2 of the data rams had a PM2.5 filter).

EPA's contractor conducted regular checks of the monitoring equipment collecting current readings and time weighted average readings from the monitors during each check throughout the night. On the morning of Sunday, October 22, EPA's contractor indicated that the monitors had not shown significant readings but for some time the fire's plume of smoke was not drifting towards the location of the data rams. EPA's contractor also thought the fire appeared to be coming under control but the firefighters are still prepared for the fire continuing into Monday.

A second team of contractor personnel arrived on-scene on Sunday, October 22 to continue the monitoring for the day shift. EPA's contractor reported that monitors were being relocated due to a shift in wind directions. The data ram located directly at the Site was picking up high levels of particulates coming directly from the source. One additional data ram was detecting particulates with a reading of 78 ug/m^3 . Firefighting efforts had been reduced due to a shift change and the fire was smoldering with smoke closer to the ground rather than at elevation. Air monitoring continued through Sunday night with regular checks of the monitoring equipment to collect current readings and time weighted average readings. Data rams are weather sensitive and have been pulled at approximately 10:30 am on Monday, October 23 due to rain.

All of the air monitoring has been coordinated with WVDEP. Conversations are ongoing with WVDEP as to the extent and type of air monitoring for the next monitoring period.

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